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Pushing Campaign For Defense Savings Hearty Response Here

Northfield has finished the first week of the Defense Savings Pledge campaign with a total of 173 pledges for \$11,677. Several teams have not reported yet and many of the workers have turned in only partial reports indicating that the final total should be substantial. Every income receiver in town will be interviewed before the end of this canvass which is part of a nation-wide census to determine whether the American people chose to finance the war voluntarily.

The present plan calls for completing the campaign on April 14 when the American Legion room in Town Hall will be open all day to receive final reports of workers and to provide an opportunity for the signing of pledges by those who have been overlooked in the house-to-house calling or who have changed their minds since being interviewed.

If any calls remain to be made on April 14 the canvass will be extended. In the words of State Administrator of Defense Savings, Daniel J. Doherty, "This campaign contemplates obtaining a pledge from every person having a regular income." Therefore, the town committee must have in hand before the canvass is completed either a pledge or a report of inability to pledge from every person in Northfield who receives an income.

In Oregon, where the Pledge campaign was conducted in January, more than 90 percent of the state's income recipients pledged themselves to save a considerable portion of their income for investment in Defense Bonds and Stamps. Northfield cannot afford to do less. No American can afford not to buy Defense Bonds and Stamps because they will help win the war, they will retard inflation, and they will provide funds for their owners after the war.

Here is the organization which is doing the job in Northfield:

Executive Committee: Frank W. Pearsall, General Chairman; Mrs. J. V. McNeil, Dr. Richard G. Holton, Willis K. Parker, Sidney Given, the Division Colonels listed below:

East Northfield Division, F. Warren Whitman, Colonel. Captains: Max L. Huber, Edgar J. Livingston, Cortland R. Finch, Roy Barrows, Sidney H. Given, Mrs. Horace Bolton, Richard Steenbruggen, Fred I. Bolton. Lieutenants, Mrs. Frank W. Pearsall, Mrs. George McEwan, Miss Marian Holton, Mrs. William Marshall, Mrs. F. Warren Whitman, Mrs. Edgar J. Livingston, Mrs. Irvin Severance, Fred G. Huber, Mrs. Grady Hoyle, Mrs. Carleton Holton, Irving J. Lawrence, Mrs. Fred I. Bolton.

Northfield Division, Harold F. Bigelow, Colonel. Captains, Mrs. Mildred Addison, Harry Gringras, Mrs. Willis Parker, Mrs. George Sheldon. Lieutenants, Miss Betty Darling, Miss Ruth Kimble, Frank Sylvester, Miss Arline Dunnell, Mrs. Charles Browning, Miss Grace Johnson, Mrs. Harold Tenney, Mrs. Albert Anderson, Mrs. Frederick Chapin, Mrs. Charles Lawrence, Mrs. Fred Stone.

Northfield Farms Division, Charles L. Gilbert, Colonel. Captains, Charles Repeta, Lewis Wood. Lieutenants, Miss Agnes Hammond, Robert Shearer, Thomas Russell, William Zabko.

Flying Division, Harland F. Atwood, Colonel. Workers-at-large, Emory Rikert, Mrs. Helen Stearns, Alfred Labelle, Mrs. Robert Abbott.

Northfield Seminary Division, Miss Elsie Scott, Colonel. Workers-at-large, George McEwan, Miss Eleanor Davis.

Campaign Office Staff, Mrs. McNeil, Director. Workers, The Misses Marian Holton, Ruby Barber, Emma Bigelow, Norma Lawe, Sophie Servaes, Mrs. Manuel Lopez, Mrs. Joseph Morgan.

Gas Yes Or Gas No Garage Will Be Built Revealed At Hearing

The Board of Selectmen gave a public hearing at the Town Hall, Tuesday evening on the application of Paul G. Jordan for the location of gasoline pumps on the Alexander lot on Main street, recently bought by him for the erection of a new garage, to take the place in his business of the one recently wholly destroyed by fire on Hinsdale road. Chairman Fred A. Holton presided and he was flanked by Selectmen Carr and Dunnell. After reading the application, Mr. Jordan was called upon for a statement and he presented some photographs of the type of building he proposed to construct and of course wanted a location approved for the sale of gasoline. Among those who addressed the chair were Mr. and Mrs. Franz George, L. P. Godspeed, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Colton, Mrs. F. H. Briemaster, Gordon C. Buffum and Sam E. Walker who presented a petition against granting. Most remarks dealt largely with the garage building and its possible nuisances and some personalities were indulged in. A letter was received with a protest. Checking of the petition revealed signing by non property owners and by some not living in the immediate vicinity. There were exactly 19 persons in attendance. The hearing was closed within an hour by the chairman and decision was reserved. It is doubtful if a decision can be reached by the Selectmen as certain technicalities must be looked into and the Federal restrictions ascertained. Meanwhile plans for the new garage building are being prepared by an architect.

The Annual Meeting Of The Fortnightly

The annual meeting of the Fortnightly will take place in Alexander Hall at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon of next week. Besides the business meeting there will be a food sale and there will be a program of music. The Fortnightly Sextet will sing, George Phelps will play violin selections and the saxophone is to be played by William Shattuck. Everyone who comes to the meeting is urged to bring at least one book appropriate for sending to Army and Navy men as part of our Victory Book Campaign. A name, address or message may be written in the flyleaf.

Last week Harold Bennison, Boston Traveler reporter, recounted several thrilling first-hand impressions of headline events, present and past. Notable among these is the fact that Mr. Bennison inspected the first Ford "assembly line" bombers which by June 1 will roll off the line at one an hour. The American people need not be shielded from the bad news or be given fractions of the news, Mr. Bennison said, but will react with their best effort when told, as soon as feasible by all the news.

Mrs. Manuel Lopez rendered some selections. The tea committee was Miss Isabella Thompson, Mrs. Luman Barber and Mrs. F. Wilton Dean.

Let's Clean Up!

The Northfield Defense Savings Campaign is being watched with great interest by the State Administrator and his staff. In certain respects the local effort is a test canvass. However, we are doing it without the glare of publicity that will accompany the state-wide drive starting April 20. Let's show them we didn't need the publicity! Let's beat Oregon's 90 percent! Let's clean up! If, perchance, you have been overlooked phone any member of the Campaign Executive Committee, listed elsewhere, or drop in at Campaign Headquarters in the Town Hall, April 14. Let's clean up and let's do it on time.

With Hermon Alumni

Dr. David R. Porter was guest speaker at alumni dinners held in Worcester and Brooklyn this week. The 1942 edition of Hermon movies was shown by Frank Dunn at the meetings of the Westchester, New Jersey, and Long Island Hermon Clubs, and Professor Horace H. Morse was the principal speaker at the New Jersey dinner held in Montclair last evening.

Seminary Alumnae Officials Here This Week-End

The Executive Committee of the Northfield Seminary Alumnae Association will meet this week-end on the Seminary campus to discuss the business of the association. Meetings will be held at the Faculty House on Saturday evening at 7:30 and 9:30 Sunday morning. The following members of the committee will be present: Mrs. Richard Gross of Reading, Pa., president of the association; Miss Mabel Darrah, Associate Alumnae Secretary; Miss Helen Livingstone of New York, Alumnae Trustee recently elected as a permanent member of the Board; Miss Elizabeth Glasby of New York, Vice President of the association; Miss Helen Carter of Worcester, Vice President, Mrs. Milton H. Carlson of Waterbury, Chairman of the Alumnae Fund; Mrs. Harold L. Cauthen, East Hartford, Director of Alumnae Day; and Mrs. Harry H. Pedersen of New York, Recording Secretary.

Organize Union Hall For District Folks

The called for gathering of citizens in the District of No. 4 school at the schoolhouse, was held last week Wednesday evening with a good attendance.

Members of the local Selectmen attended and the meeting organized with Lewis Wood as chairman and Mrs. Virginia Leach as clerk. It is planned to form a permanent community organization and to use the building for social, religious and other purposes. The building always known as Union Hall, was formerly used in part by the town for school, but now since all schools are consolidated, the children are taken to Center school by bus. To provide for the care of the building and to plan a permanent organization a committee consisting of Lawrence Hammond, Robert Shearer, Teofel Dymersky, Charles L. Gilbert and Lewis Wood were named. Another meeting will soon be called to take further action.

Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dana Bancroft (Mary B. Leach) of Medford, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Beryl Ann Bancroft, to Pvt. Warren Archer Silva, son of Mrs. Arthur M. Silva of Medford, and the late Mr. Silva.

Miss Bancroft is a granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Osgood L. Leach, and a niece of Ralph O. Leach, and the late Charles E. Leach, all of Northfield. She was educated in the Medford Schools, Boston University, the Fisher School, and Miss Farmer's School.

Pvt. Silva was educated in the Medford Schools and Lowell Textile Institute. He is at present stationed at Camp Stewart, Georgia. No date has been set for the wedding.

The Waite Reception

A large number of friends greeted Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Waite in the vestry of the Congregational Church last Friday evening upon the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. The room was beautifully decorated and enlivened with flowers and potted plants and as guests arrived, ushers escorted them to the receiving line. Mr. and Mrs. Waite receiving were flanked by family members including Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Waite, Wayne H. Waite, Janet E. Waite, Alan C. Waite, Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Sherwood and Victor D. Sherwood. During the evening the Rev. Mr. Dahl spoke briefly and presented Mr. and Mrs. Waite with a purse of money. Refreshments were served to all.

Truck Caught Fire

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barrows on the Winchester road is being insulated with rock wool and last Saturday just after the noon hour as work was being resumed pumping in the material, the exhaust from the engine on the truck furnishing power started a fire, which enveloped the truck and its canvass coverings. A hose from the house water supply was played on the truck and the fire department called, but before the fire was out the body of the truck was badly scorched and the tarpaulin burned.

Sponsoring Contest In Defense Savings Liberal Gift Prizes

As a feature of the Defense Savings Pledge Campaign the Northfield Committee is sponsoring an essay contest in the public schools on the subject, "Why I Buy United States Defense Bonds and Stamps". Prizes of five dollars in Defense Stamps will be paid to the winners in each of three divisions: Junior, third to fifth grades; Intermediate, sixth to eighth; Senior, High School. The prizes are being offered by Mrs. Frank W. Pearsall, Sr., of Newtonville, a frequent visitor at the home of her son here, and the judges will be: Miss Julia B. Austin, representing the schools; Dr. Richard G. Holton, representing the Defense Savings Committee; and William F. Hoehn, editor of The Press.

Many Books Are Added At Dickinson Library

The trustees of Dickinson Memorial Library through its librarian, Mrs. Marjorie Norton, announces the following new books added to the shelves and ready for circulation:

Miscellaneous—Admiral of the Ocean Sea, by Samuel Eliot Morison; Life of Columbus and a re-tracing of his voyages to the new world. Sub-treasury of American humor, by E. S. White and Katharine White; a compilation of American humorous writers. Art of color and design, by Maitland Graves; the author knows his subject thoroughly. Action at sea, by George S. Johnston; career of the Australian Cruiser "Sydney," a thrilling document. Mission to Moscow, by Joseph E. Davies; most readable and important of the many books about diplomacy in war; Ambassador Davies was in Moscow from 1936 to 1938. Flight to Arras, by Antoine de Saint-Exupery; beautifully written book about a French aviator's experience during the German entry into France. Northern Nurse, by Elliott Merrick; Mrs. Merrick's experiences while a nurse in Labrador, with Dr. Grenfell. My remarkable uncle, by Stephen Leacock; a humorous book is worthwhile in these times.

Fiction—Forever is so long, by Alice Ross Colver; light love story. Perilous night, by Burke Boyce; exciting novel of Revolutionary times. Pied Piper, by Nevill Shute; about the days when French civilians were being driven from their homes by the coming of the Germans. Mysterious—Powder smoke, by Jackson Gregory. Riders of Buck River, by Wm. McLeod Raine. Before the fact, by Francis Iles. Chanted oasis, by Faith Baldwin. Affair of the circus queen, by Clifford Knight. Jonathan's daughter, by Lida Larrimore. Mulberry Square, by Lida Larrimore. Wait for the tide, by Edith A. Holton. Calling Dr. Kildare, by Max Brand. Strange victory, by Frank Meloney. Beloved Buff, by Louise Platt Hauck.

Children's Books—Polly Parrot, by Dorothy Winchell. Buttons and Bo, by Edna Billings. Wishbone children, by Eloise Byington. Stage-struck seal, by James Hull. Dorothy and the Wizard in Oz, by L. Frank Baum. Enchanted castle, by Colleen Moore. Dumbo of the circus, by Walt Disney. Roany, the horse who smelled smoke, by Clarence Hawkes. Story of the earth and stars, by Bretz and Fontany. Barbara Benton, Editor, by Helen Goby. Stinger Lee: War nurse, by Dorothy Deming. S O S Radio patrol, by William Heyliger.

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Young Peoples Symphony To Play In Town Hall Next Wednesday Evening

The Friendly Class of the Congregational Church will sponsor a concert by the Young Peoples' Symphony orchestra, conducted by Harold Alexander Leslie of Greenfield, next Wednesday evening (April 15) at 8 o'clock, at the Town Hall.

This orchestra is well known here, having presented two concerts under the sponsorship of the high school.

Harold Alexander Leslie, a well known violinist, teacher, and director of the Pioneer Valley Music Center and the conductor of the Pioneer Valley Symphony, started this organization four years ago with the idea of giving young musicians a chance to use their talents and as an incentive to keep on with their music.

Starting with about 30 young people from the surrounding towns and meeting once a week during the fall and winter months, they now number between 40 and 50 musicians. They are self-supporting, paying dues to buy music and equipment.

It was through the success of this symphony that the idea of the Pioneer Valley Symphony was conceived which has proved such a success. Several young people have graduated into the older group.

Mr. Leslie has been most generous with his time and money, in furthering the cause and the "Friendly Class" feel they will be aiding in the good work of helping our young people not only to play but to appreciate good music.

The concert Wednesday evening will consist of solos, and ensembles as well as orchestral numbers. A generous patronage will be appreciated.

South Vernon Folks In First Aid Course

A Standard Red Cross First Aid course has recently been completed in South Vernon with Dr. George A. Bronson and Miss Doris Harriott instructing. Twenty-one members of the class are eligible for certificates: Mrs. Ginevieve Bruce, Edgar Bruce, Mrs. Eva Cote, Cortland Dunklee, Mrs. Eleanor Dunklee, Ernest Dunklee, Mrs. Mildred Dunklee, Mrs. Edna Edson, Mrs. Lottie George, Mrs. Ruth Holton, Mrs. Georgia Holton, Mrs. Lackey, Mrs. Lyna Lee, Mrs. Irene LaMorla, Mrs. Marion Lilly, Mrs. Elva Martineau, Mrs. Thelma Miller, Mrs. Simonds, Mrs. Owen Stacy, Miss Vera Vaughn, and Mrs. Florence White. A number of these graduates will continue with the Advance Course which will start immediately.

Congregational Church

Sunday services on April 12 and events of the week are as follows:

At 10, Sunday school with classes for all; 11, morning worship with sermon by Mr. Dahl; 6:30, Christian Endeavor Society, consecration meeting led by Harold Bigelow. Mr. Dahl will answer questions on religion asked by the group; 7:45, Young People's Forum.

Monday at 7: Boy Scouts meet in the vestry; 7:30, the Standing Committee will meet at Mr. Dahl's home on Main street, to meet the candidates for church membership by confession of faith to be received into the church on May 3.

Tuesday at 10:30, Franklin County Congregational ministers will meet here at the church.

Wednesday at 3: W. C. T. U. meeting in Alexander hall. Thursday at 10: All day meeting of the Sewing Society. Luncheon at noon; 7:30, prayer meeting led by Mr. Dahl; 8:30, choir rehearsal in the vestry.

Friday at 7:30, monthly church social night for all, young and old.

Saturday at 9: Mr. Dahl will conduct morning devotions over station WHAI. Music by members of the choir in charge of Mr. Lawrence.

The Unitarian Church

Next Sunday at 10:45, service of worship and sermon topic: "The Open Door of Free Religion." Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed, organist; Rev. Arthur Heeb, minister.

Church School at 4:45, Harlan Willard will lead in the service. Winona Robinson in charge of the music. A cordial welcome to all to both services.

Complete Home Nursing Certificates Awarded To 78 Local Women

The Town Hall was well filled with friends and guests on Tuesday evening when 78 local women, attired in all white uniform dress with caps bearing the Red Cross emblem, received their certificates, of having finished 12 sessions of class instruction under Mrs. Charles Dickerson, Jr., at the Homestead. There were four classes held each week and the committee in charge of the training consisted of Mrs. Frank H. Montague, chairman; Mrs. Allen H. Wright, Mrs. Edgar J. Livingston and Mrs. Emory Rikert. At the exercises music was by several high school students, and each class entertained with a skit. Mrs. Ira Wheeler of Greenfield, who is head of the home nursing course in the county, assisted by Mrs. H. G. Stetson, handed out the certificates to the following members of the classes:

Miss R. Elizabeth Avery, Mrs. Minnie E. Bolton, Mrs. George Bronson, Mrs. George Carr, Mrs. Frederick Chapin, Mrs. Frank Dwight, Miss Harriet Dwight, Miss Louise Dwight, Mrs. Harriet Fisher, Mrs. Marion Goodspeed, Mrs. Roy Lanphear, Mrs. Gwendolyn Leavis, Miss Madeline Long, Mrs. Manuel Lopez, Mrs. Carroll Miller, Mrs. W. D. Miller, Mrs. Gertrude Potts, Mrs. Reuben Rikert, Miss Marion Saczawa, Mrs. William Shattuck, Mrs. Katherine White, Mrs. Bertha H. Rikert, Miss Julia B. Austin, Miss Eleanor Barnes, Mrs. Dorothy P. Bolton, Mrs. Ruth W. Bolton, Mrs. Genevieve A. Eastman, Miss Barbara Harris, Miss Ruth G. Hawkins, Mrs. Grace Huber Heald, Miss Mae Henshaw, Mrs. Arthur Hutchinson, Miss Stella Lerna-towitz, Mrs. Elizabeth Mayberry, Mrs. Bettie J. McCulloch, Mrs. Evelyn H. Parker, Mrs. Jennie Warnock, Mrs. Esther M. Williams, Miss Arline Dunnell, Mrs. Philip Holton, Mrs. Thelma Miller, Mrs. Gladys Bistrek, Miss Elizabeth G. Braley, Miss Lena E. Cokins, Miss Mary E. Dalton, Miss Winnie Drown, Mrs. Donald Hayles, Mrs. L. N. Lanphear, Mrs. May F. Lanphear, Mrs. Charles Lawrence, Mrs. Marion Liver-noise, Mrs. Florence Phelps, Mrs. Leon A. Randall, Miss Helen Cote, Cortland Dunklee, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Spencer, Mrs. Irene Thompson, Miss Arlene Williams, Shirley Lanphear, Mrs. Roger Greenwood and the Misses Evelyn Bassett, Mary Bolton, Virginia Bolton, Esther Brassor, Althea Churchill, Grais Churchill, June Cota, Barbara Chamberlain, Mildred Clough, Ruth Dawe, Norma Fellows, Olive Fisher, Shirley Purrington, Shirley Severance, Alice Stevens, Katherine Strange, Esther J. Szeszowski, Fay Warnock, and Helen Kozlowski.

Sugar Registration

Superintendent of Schools, Robert N. Taylor, is to meet with Commissioner of Education, Walter F. Downey at the Hotel Kimball in Springfield on Monday to receive complete instructions for the registering of the residents of Northfield, Bernardston, Gill, Warwick and Leyden.

At present, plans call for all institutional and commercial registration at the High School on April 28 and 29. Family registration will take place on May 4 to 7 inclusive, at places and hours to be announced later.

School Lunches Popular

With the approach of warmer weather and spring a decrease in the demand for hot lunches was anticipated in the school lunch room. The following statistics prove that children like wholesome food regardless of the weather and sales are still on the increase. The school department is well pleased with the continued demand.

During the period March 2 to March 27 there was served 1767 bowls of soup, 2083 bottles of milk, and 1569 servings of fruit or pudding.

For Russia To-night

This Friday evening and tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock, will be shown the moving pictures in St. James' hall in Greenfield for Russian Relief. Tickets can be secured at the Bookstore, Northfield Pharmacy or from Mrs. C. C. Compton, Mrs. A. H. Wright or Mrs. E. M. Powell. If you plan to attend, take people with you and fill the car.

Where Did We Get It Tons Of Junk Sold Brings Money Here

The greatest aggregation of "junkmen" ever to work Northfield are the members of that committee to conserve for the government, all waste materials to be found here, which is headed by Merwin D. Birdsall as chairman. Through efforts already attained and with the genial co-operation of Julius Blassburg of Turners Falls, there has been trucked away, from records only to April 1st, some 21,000 pounds of old iron; 1,100 pounds of old metals such as copper, brass and aluminum; 150 pounds of old rags; 150 pounds of rubber and 10,300 pounds of old paper. The iron material has gone to a mill in this state manufacturing wire and the paper has found its way to the mills at Holyoke. As a result of the campaign sellers of the "junk" have been enriched by some additional funds. The effort will shortly be renewed and it is hoped to secure some additional material. If you have accumulated a goodly amount, say not less than 100 pounds, telephone one of the following members and your name will be placed on the list for a call when the trucks are again in town:

Merwin D. Birdsall, tel. 898; Gordon Buffum 752; Ross L. Spencer 602; Louis Abbey 472; E. J. Livinston 892; Mrs. Walter Hyde 568; or William F. Hoehn 536.

When low water prevails in the river it is likely that some effort will be made to salvage the old iron bridge of the C. V. railroad which went down in the flood. There is encouraging news in regard to it.

Can You Give Help In Cause Of China Park Heads Committee

China Week will be celebrated throughout the nation April 12 to 19 as United China Relief launches its campaign to raise \$7,000,000 to help speed the rescue of millions of Chinese war-victims from suffering, starvation, and disease.

The raising of Northfield's share of this fund is in the hands of a committee headed by President William E. Park of the Northfield Schools, with George McEwan as treasurer and the following as members: Rev. Arthur Heeb, Rev. Ellis E. Jones, Miss Erma V. Reynolds, and Frank W. Pearsall. Because of the large number of war activities now underway in town no general canvass for contributions will be made. However, all residents are urged to show their practical sympathy for the Chinese people who are worn by five years of fighting against the Japanese on a 2800 mile front, by sending generous contributions to the local chairman at Kenarden Hall, East Northfield.

Northfield has many ties with China. Not only have many missionaries gone there from the Northfield Schools and Conferences, but China has also sent her children and Christian leaders here. We in America are inclined to forget that our bonds with China are two-way bonds. How many of us remember that back in 1918 China was asked for \$100,000 for the American War Work Fund but gave instead \$1,425,000—fourteen times her quota.

Again in 1937, after the flood here, the Chinese people of their own accord raised more money for the relief of our flood victims than any other country except Canada. Nothing less than a generous response to United China Relief will repay such friendship.

Several music lovers from Northfield will attend the Keene high school A Capella choir concert at the Murphy Memorial this Friday evening.

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TOWN TOPICS

The Northfield Grange will meet Tuesday evening and rehearse for the third and fourth degrees.

Dances which have been held at Grange Hall on Thursday evenings will hereafter be held on Friday evenings at 8 o'clock.

Farrand W. Hodgdon, who has been herdsman at the Mount Hermon School, has taken a similar position at Woodstock, Vt.

Mrs. Harry Gings is spending this week end with relatives in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Carr spent last week end at the home of his mother in Walkill, N. Y.

The local Health Council will meet next Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Town Hall.

Thirty students from the Rhode Island College of Education in Providence are staying at the Northfield Youth Hostel for four days.

Mrs. Edward Rapp is the new housemother of the Northfield Youth Hostel. Mrs. Rapp is formerly of New York city. She hosted in Europe during the summer of 1937.

Allison Kirtland of Clawson, Michigan, was the guest of Fritz Kaufhold for the Easter week-end.

Sumner R. Winship of Wallingford, Conn., and Barbara Lloyd of Springfield, were also guests of the AYM Staff for the Easter week-end.

Joan and Frank Catchpool and Margaret Barnett are home for spring vacation from the Westtown school, Westtown, Pennsylvania, and Heather Catchpool from the Meredith School, Meredith, New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. McKim of Yonkers, N. Y., were in town over the week-end and visited their summer cottage to prepare it for the coming season.

Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Jeffers of Manchester by the Sea, were at their summer cottage on Holly street the first of the week.

Mrs. John Eastman of Woodville, N. H., has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert J. Eastman on the Hinsdale road.

J. R. Colton and A. P. Pitt attended the dinner conference of the county insurance underwriters at the Mansion House in Greenfield Monday.

Roger Wilson of Avery Texas, and Blake Smith of Galesburg, Mich., members of the Signal Corps at Westover Field (Chicopee) were guests at Green Pastures over last week-end.

Miss Barbara Addison has returned home after spending a two weeks' vacation with friends in Boston.

Miss Alice Jack of New York visited at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Bonner Jack, over the Easter vacation.

Carlton Finch was at his home here for the Easter vacation from Bates College.

Miss Ruth McEwan is at her home here for the spring vacation from Wellesley College.

The Fish and Game Association will hold another one of their popular dances at the Town Hall next Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Music by the Merry Musicians. The annual banquet will be at 8:30 o'clock.

Members of the Garden Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mayberry at Mount Hermon, Monday evening.

President Park of the Northfield schools will be a participant, taking a leading part in the Williams Christian Association Embassy to be held in Williamstown next Monday and Tuesday. The subject for the round table discussion will be "Religion and Democracy."

E. J. Calvacca of Brooklyn accompanied by two friends, who are studying music with him, were visitors in town on Tuesday. They visited Hermon and the Seminary and then went on to Williamstown. He expects to spend the summer here as usual.

The three hundredth anniversary of the first recorded ascent of Mount Washington will be observed this year on June 4th, when a celebration will be held with appropriate exercises. Invitations will be extended to all who have climbed the summit and whose names are inscribed in the "cairn". Among those are Mr. and Mrs. William F. Hoehn, who made the climb some 40 years ago, with a party of friends.

The town of Erving announces a tax rate for this year of \$22, the lowest since 1932 when it was \$20.

Mrs. C. L. Robbins, a former resident of this town, is now located at Healdsburg, Calif. (P. O. Box 44). She is enjoying good health although her daughter, who is with her, has been ill and recently underwent an operation for the removal of the appendix.

CARD OF THANKS

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Cheerful Homes Shoo War Blues, Says Lily Pons



Bright, cheerful homes are morale-boosters, and the best antidote for war-worries, says Lily Pons, opera star and housewife. Miss Pons is shown as she offers a tidbit to Poni, her Siberian sheepdog.

NEW YORK—"We women must be the soldiers of the home." The speaker is Lily Pons, coloratura soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company. She is speaking to millions of American women—to every woman who runs a home, who has a working family. For on the shoulders of these mothers, wives and daughters will rest one of the biggest jobs of the war—that of boosting war production, war morale.

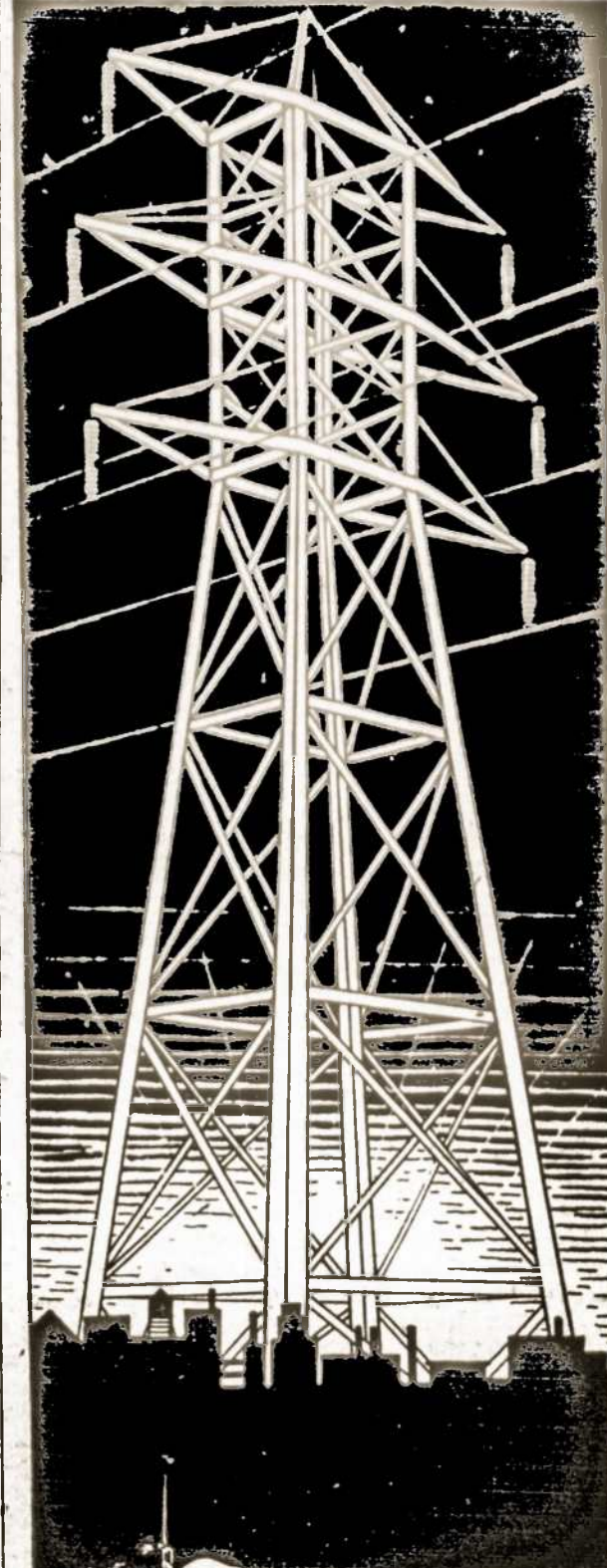
"I hear," Miss Pons says, "that workers who live in happy, peaceful homes can produce as much as 25 percent more than men who live in unpleasant home surroundings. That's why it's our woman's job to see to it that our homes during these dark, dreadful days, are inviting and restful."

Miss Pons speaks with the authority of a loyal, determined war worker, and a devoted housewife. Recently, she organized Metropolitan Opera Bond night to sponsor sale of Defense Bonds and Stamps among both audience and stars. As official daughter of the U. S. Army's 71st Regiment, Miss Pons entertains groups of sailors and soldiers at her century-old home in Silvermine, Conn.

The following is a list of some of the things that Miss Pons says can be done to the home to make it more appealing, more cheerful: Make it gay-looking, inside and out, she declares. Repaint the walls, if they're dingy and dangerously worn. Re-color and restore it from cellar to garret, even to putting on a bright new roof of asphalt shingles. These fire-resistant shingles, especially, are a much-needed protection in these days of war-fire.

Inside the house, there are any number of inexpensive ways to promote cheerfulness, according to Miss Pons. Bright slip covers placed over dull-looking chairs are one of the easiest ways. Or go a step further, and redecorate with a low parapet of glass blocks, across the middle of the living room. This will divide the room into a study and living room so that Dad can have his comfort while the children have theirs.

"In recent years," Miss Pons concluded, "it's been the fashion, among some to belittle the term 'housewife.' Nothing could be more short-sighted, for much of today's that we keep 'til tomorrow will be due to the untiring effort of millions of mothers, wives and daughters who are all of their housewives."



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Valley Prime Peas	tall can	11c
Wilson's Salad Dressing	qt jar	29c
Ralston Checker Corn Flakes	pkg	5c
Libbys Corn Beef Hash	can	19c
Stanley Dill Pickles	qt jar	19c
Jim Dandy Peaches	No. 2½ can	19c
Thank You Plums	No. 2 can	11c
Van Camps Evaporated Milk	3 cans	25c
Del Monte Corn on Cob	can	17c
Gold Medal K. T. Flour	24½ lb sack	1.17
Jim Dandy Bartlett Pears	No. 2½ can	21c
Beechnut Peanut Butter	lg jar	15c
Growers Table Salt	3 1½ lb boxes	10c
Tip Top Soda	(contents) 4 lg bot	29c

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West Northfield and and South Vernon

South Vernon Church, Rev. Florence L. White, pastor: the Junior Mission Society will meet Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. White will speak at the morning and evening services, Sunday at 10:30 and 7:30. Sunday School at 11:45 a. m., Loyal Workers at 6:30 p. m.

The First Aid Advanced Class will meet this Friday evening at the South Schoolhouse with Rev. George Bronson as instructor.

R. Edgar Bruce has been appointed fire chief for the town of Vernon, by the selectmen.

Mrs. Helen McKay of South America is visiting her mother Mrs. Harry Gray.

Miss Vera Vaughan was called to Charlestown, N. H., last week by the illness of her mother.

Mrs. Cora Buffum is very ill at the home of her daughter, Miss Carroll Rich in East Pepperell. Mrs. Rich formerly was a resident here.

Ernest W. Dunklee has been chosen president of the Franklin County Jersey Breeders' Association.

Rev. Mrs. Florence White has been spending a few days in Boston and Quincy this week.

A daughter, Dorothy Ann, was born March 30 at the Wesson Memorial hospital in Springfield, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Meisner of Springfield, formerly of South Vernon, granddaughter of Mrs. Lula C. Tyler of South Vernon.

Mrs. A. H. Farnum has been on a visit with her daughter, Miss Dorothy Wilder of Newfane.

Mrs. Eva Smart has returned from a visit with her son and family in Greenfield.

Gerald Barnes is now employed as a fireman on the Boston and Maine railroad out of East Deerfield.

The Granges of Northfield, Winchester and Guilford will neighbor with Vernon Grange the evening of April 22.

The Home Demonstration group of women will meet with Mrs. Alfred Gove, Tuesday at 11 a. m.

Owing to the illness of his father, Alfred Edson has been granted a leave from the army to spend a short time at his home here.

Mrs. Willis Collier, Jr., was called to Bernardston this week owing to the death of her father, Edward McMurdy.

CAT EYES

Twin lamps, full of mystic light, Shine in the dark of deepest night, Cold fire, ablaze in soft fur, Reveals the demon in each purr.

As four friendly and padded paws Conceal the quick and cutting claws, So a body, gentle and warm, Hides the fury of a silent storm.

By William F. Stewart.

The Town Hall is being cared for now by former Selectman Carl Mason, since the resignation of Mr. Whittaker, who is employed on war work in Greenfield. All arrangements for the use of the hall must be made with Mr. Mason.

Work is being rushed along on and about the new bridge over the brook near the Congregational Church by the contractors. The channel is being cleared and the banking built up and rip-raped. Work has also been started on the clearing up of the roadside along the finished portion of the highway in the East Northfield sector.

TOWN TOPICS

Northfield Hotel had another "neighborhood night" Wednesday evening with a buffet supper of fried chicken and spaghetti with meat balls. Everyone who attends are assured of a most pleasant evening.

An error has been made in the newspaper reports which emanated from Middlebury, Vt., which stated that Dr. Paul D. Moody had resigned the Presidency of Middlebury College, effective next June. The resignation will not be effective until 1944, when Dr. Moody reaches the age of 65 and will be retired under the provisions of the Carnegie Fund.

Lawrence Durgin spent a portion of his vacation from Oberlin College with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle, last week.

Mrs. Edwin Hulett, a former owner of "Birch cottage" on the Ridge, and for many years a summer resident here, is now living at Ossining, N. Y.

There will be a meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at Alexander hall next Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock when posters prepared by the pupils of Miss Braley will be displayed.

It will be pleasing news to many here to know that "The Old Homestead" will again be produced in the Potash Bowl at Swanzy, N. H., this year, about the middle of July. Many attended last summer.

The Evening Auxiliary of the Congregational Church will meet this Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of the Misses Hamilton. Miss Brann will review Mrs. Buck's new book, "The Dragon Seed".

The dense smoke of a forest fire which burned over 125 acres of ground at Ashuelot on Monday was plainly visible from the northern section of this town.

The fire department was called out Tuesday evening for a fire in the brooder house of John Galvey at Northfield Farms which destroyed several hundreds of young chicks.

The local bowling team played Boston and Maine team in the county league Wednesday evening and won the game, thus ensuring their position of first place in the league.

Raymond L. Clapp of Weston was in town last Friday and called upon his father, Luckey O. Clapp.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed entertained his sister, Miss Edith Goodspeed, of Newtonville over last week end. Miss Bernice Webster of New York, a sister of Mrs. Goodspeed, is also spending the week with them, and her mother, Mrs. Charles Webster.

Mrs. Esther M. Williams, a teacher at Center school, was given a shower by her pupils last week, in view of her forthcoming marriage to Principal George Leonard.

Although Postmaster Quinlan of the Northfield office recently exchanged a truck for a fine Packard sedan, he has bought a bicycle for his transportation between house and office to save on gas and tires.

Leon Taber, the owner of the Proctor block, has recently made considerable repairs. The roof has been renewed and the rear has been fitted into two fine offices, one of which is occupied by Mae Deans Beauty nook.

It is reported that Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Cobb have leased the beautiful new house off Parker street from George N. Kidder and will occupy for residence.

NORTHFIELD Summer Conferences 1942 Schedule

Girls' Conference at Northfield—June 15 - 22.
Mount Hermon Alumni Week—July 3-11.

Missionary Conference at Northfield—July 6-14.
United Presbyterian Conference at Mt. Hermon—July 11 - 18.

Religious Education Conference at Northfield—July 15 - 24.

Westminster Choir College at Mt. Hermon—July 20-August 10.

Mass. Christian Endeavor Conference at Northfield—July 25 - August 1.

Northfield General Conference at Northfield—August 1 - 17.

Good Friday Service

Those who attended the Good Friday services at the Unitarian Church last Friday evening will feel much impressed with it as a Union service filled with sincere emotions and a deep significance. Out from a past with its shadows, came a sense of brotherhood in that all are one, striving for eternal life. The messages of Rev. Edward Dahl of the Congregational Church, of Rev. Mrs. Florence White of the Christian Advent Church, and of Rev. Mr. Allen of the Bernardston, and Rev. Mr. Elberfeld of Warwick Unitarian Churches were filled with helps to Christian nurture. The closing address of the minister, Rev. Arthur Heeb, was tense with the Easter thought. Worshippers filled the church to overflowing and all denominations were represented among them. This Union service was an evidence of united religious endeavor.

Many Attend Clinic

The diphtheria clinic which was held at the Town Hall in the nurses' room last Saturday afternoon was attended by 53 persons, whose children were inoculated by Dr. F. W. Dean. The next clinic will be held at the same place on Friday, April 24th.

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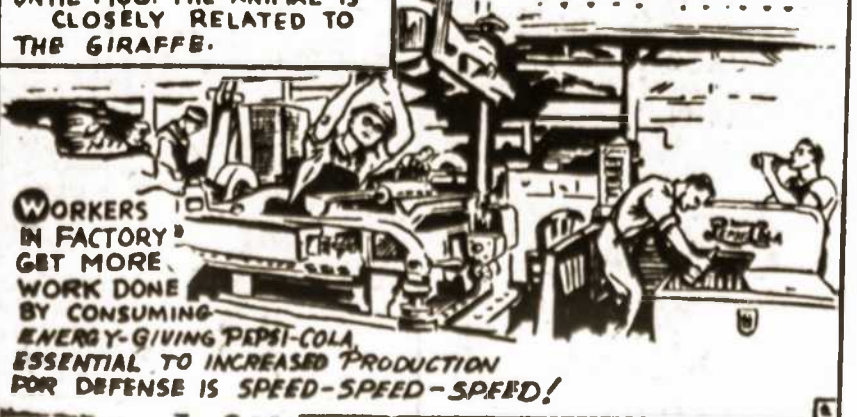
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EDITORIAL

RESOLUTION

"I will be strong,
Burdens are muscle makers
Tests wake powers,
And weariness, well won,
Brings happy balm."

BOMBS OR BONDS?

The people of Northfield are being given the opportunity of making a great decision. They are being approached by a group of their neighbors who have volunteered as "Defense Savings Minute Men". They are being asked whether or not they are willing to pledge voluntarily their financial support to the government in the war effort. It should not be a difficult decision to make. There are but two alternatives—compulsory saving or defeat. The former is unthinkable for freemen in a democracy. The latter is just unthinkable.

THE PROSPECT

From an article I recently read, I quote an interesting paragraph, worthy of passing along, but unfortunately I have forgotten to whom credit should be given:

"The economic prospect for the civilians of the United States is viewed by the realists in a darker light than the social and political. Taxes are sure to dislocate and lower living standards in general, and it is believed that the war exigency will dictate that there shall be no more exempted groups. Consumer goods will begin to disappear; and there will be rationing of common articles which have always seemed necessary in abundance. Trades and tradesmen not essential to the winning of the war will be displaced and must find other ways to earn their livings. By some method, not yet determined, all private citizens will be commandeered for service related to the war in the hours they do not spend at their regular tasks. Life will be barer and leaner—but in every way worthier."

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Lois Collier

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"PARDON MY STRIPES"

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Edgar Kennedy

Tues. - Wed. Apr. 14 - 15

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"THE BODY DISAPPEARS"

Jeffrey Lynn — Jane Wyman

Edward Everett Horton

Know Massachusetts

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DO YOU KNOW THAT . . . Golden Bantam corn was discovered more than 60 years ago in the garden of William Chambers of Greenfield. When it was first offered to the public, people refused to buy, thinking it was field corn, because the only sweet corn they had known before was white . . . Judging by statistics of the Public Welfare Department as of June last year, Norfolk County shows the smallest public relief expenditures per resident of all the counties in Massachusetts . . . Expenditures for old age assistance in Massachusetts during the year ended June 1941 amounted to \$6.95 per resident, compared with \$3.37 for the total United States . . . R. L. Polk Company reports that 792 new passenger automobiles were sold in Massachusetts during January this year, compared with 8,785 in January a year ago . . . Employees of the cable works of the American Steel and Wire Company in Worcester last year worked 2,204,580 hours without a single accident serious enough to cause loss of time . . . Of the \$2,178,386 of building permits issued in Boston during February, \$1,820,000 were in new apartment houses . . . A revision of the existing zoning plan in East Longmeadow will be acted upon at a special town meeting April 10 to make provision for the new Pratt and Whitney industrial plant.

The Back Yard Gardener

By G. O. Oleson

From what I hear down at the village store and from what I read in the newspapers, farmers are having a real labor problem this year. Well, I'd like to go on record right now as saying that the labor situation on my back yard farm is rather serious right now. You notice that this year it's back yard "farm," not "garden."

I've decided to call my place Elshaface. And I can assure you that even on such a place the labor situation isn't anything to be sneezed at. This year of all years, just when I was developing my poultry business, I'm having difficulty finding a plowman for the garden. I've about decided that my 3000 square feet of vegetable garden will have to be done by hand. It'll mean more aches and pains for me, but Mum says that I'm getting too stout around the waist line anyway.

Then I've got to build a summer shelter for my 50 baby chicks. (They're nicely, thank you.) I'll have to put a yard around that shelter, and I'll have to build a yard for my laying hens. They need to get out in the fresh air and sunshine. Well, you can see that's quite a job for one lone back yard farmer.

My mentioning farm labor brought to mind a new idea being worked out in the state by farmers to help themselves solve farm problems brought on by the war. As I understand it, in each rural town there is a special committee, known in most counties as a Rural War Action Committee. These committees are composed of farmers and homemakers and representatives of organizations interested in rural problems.

In addition to other problems

these committees have tackled the farm labor problem. Each farm has been or is being contacted to secure information as to how much labor will be needed, when it will be needed, and of course for what. This year, you see, a farmer may have to use two high school boys where last year he had a hired man. Or he may find that he can use women or part-time workers, and so on.

All possible sources of labor are contacted and listed by the Rural War Action Committees. And in most towns the committee will appoint a local labor coordinator. This coordinator will work in close cooperation with the United States Employment Service which has about 30 offices in the state. In fact, this whole labor problem has been carried out in cooperation with such organizations as the U. S. E. S.

To me it looks as though this is an excellent example of farm people taking hold and solving their own problems. The local coordinators, the county agricultural agents, the employment service offices together should certainly bring employers and employees together. In this way farmers should be able to increase their production, which is what we need in war time.

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The reason wheat is so cheap at the present time is that the U. S. Department of Agriculture is putting about 100 million bushels of wheat on the market. This was done to help livestock, dairy, and poultry producers use this wheat for feed and attain Food for Freedom production goals, he explains. Disposal of substantial quantities of this wheat will also help make additional storage space available for the 1942 grain crops.

Massachusetts poultrymen may purchase wheat through their county Agricultural Adjustment Administration representative or through many of the grain dealers of the state. When wheat is purchased from the government in lots of about 1500 bushels in bulk shipments, the saving under market quotation is from \$10 to \$12 a ton. Grain companies will clean and bag the wheat and pass it on to the poultryman for about half this saving.

Members of the New England Feed Conference, representing all New England state colleges and universities, met recently to de-

cide how this wheat could be used by New England poultrymen. They recommend that wheat be used in scratch feed in the following ration: Wheat, 1000 pounds; No. 2 yellow corn, whole or cracked, 500 pounds; and oats or barley, 500 pounds. Members of the conference also made revisions in their recommended rations in view of the War Production Board's recent order limiting the use in feeds of fish liver oils containing vitamins A and D. Copies of the new rations can be obtained by writing to the Poultry Department, Massachusetts State College, Amherst, Massachusetts.

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